

MARTIAL LAW IN GREECE IS IMMINENT NOW

ATHENS AFRAID BULGARS WILL CROSS THE BORDER

Bombardment of Varna is Learned to Have Been Minor Naval Engagements.

FLEET SOON TO ATTACK

French Assert They Have Expelled the Germans from Their High Trenches.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Proclamation of martial law in Greece is reported unofficially to be imminent. Although no information of this report is available there is evidence of growing uneasiness at Athens over the possibility that Bulgarian troops will cross the border.

The only thing which has occurred to relieve the situation is the announcement that the Bulgarian officer in command of the force, which clashed with the Greeks in Epirus, has been punished and that the incident is considered closed.

The mystery of the bombardment of Varna, which was at first depicted as a formidable Russian attack on the chief Bulgarian port, has stirred London, but, according to reports from both sides, it was nothing more than a minor action among torpedo boats in which the shore batteries participated. However, a large Russian fleet is said to be in the vicinity of Varna and the action may be merely the preliminary to a serious Russian attack.

Hartmanns-Werkkopp is once more a subject of contention. Possession of the summit of this mountain has been disputed so closely by military forces as well as by those who officially record their movements that an Associated Press correspondent was called upon last April to decide the relative positions of the opposing sides. In the present instance the French assert they have expelled the Germans from their highest trenches. The Germans admit retirement from the summit, which, they assert, they had occupied since April. The French claim they have not only advanced their positions substantially notwithstanding the fact that the Germans succeeded in reoccupying the lost trenches but have forestalled in a measure an offensive which the Germans had been preparing in the Vosges.

IMPORTANT POINT IS RETAKEN BY GERMANS

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The war office announced today that the summit of Hartmanns-Werkkopp, captured earlier in the week by the French, has been regained by the Germans.

The text of the statement follows: "During the fighting yesterday a brave regiment of the Eighty-second Landwehr brigade recaptured the summit of Hartmanns-Werkkopp. The enemy suffered extraordinary severe losses and left twenty-three officers and 1,530 men in our hands. We are now busy clearing some portions of the trench on the northern slope, which is still occupied by the French. The figures given in the French report of yesterday evening regarding the fighting around Hartmanns-Werkkopp on the twenty-first are exaggerated by at least one-half. Our total losses, including all the killed, wounded and missing, so far as at present ascertained, amount to 1,100 men."

ARTILLERY KEEPS UP A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The following statement was given out at the war office this afternoon:

"The night was relatively calm over the whole front. To the south of Arras in the vicinity of Beaurains our artillery kept up its destructive fire against the positions of the enemy. In Champagne there was fighting at close quarters with hand grenades to the east of Navarin farms, and in the sector of hill No. 193."

CONDOLENCE

Is Sent Widow of General von Emmich by Emperor William.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Emperor William has sent a telegram of condolence to the widow of General von Emmich, whose death was announced yesterday at Hanover. It is stated by the Overseas News Agency, which quotes the ruler's message as follows:

"I have lost an officer, whom I highly esteemed as a paragon of fidelity and devotion, as a soldier and man, and when history describes the most glorious achievement of this war—Liege, St. Quentin, Gallia and Poland—his name will occupy one of the first places."

NOTE RECEIVED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The state department received today from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna a brief dispatch announcing the receipt there of the Ancona note at 6 p. m. Tuesday.

SHE WITNESSED WILSON-GALT NUPTIALS



Baby Cothran is the granddaughter of Mrs. Anne Howe, President Wilson's sister. She was the youngest guest at the Wilson-Galt nuptials, and the picture of her was taken on the day of the wedding.

HAASE PROMOTION FIRST OF JANUARY

When He Will Become District Passenger Agent at Philadelphia.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Announcement is made of important changes in the passenger department of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, which will take effect January 1, 1916, with the promotion of Robert C. Haase, northwestern passenger agent with headquarters at St. Paul and Minneapolis, to district passenger agent at Philadelphia. Mr. Haase will succeed Bernard N. Ashby, resigned. H. C. Strohm, traveling passenger agent at Omaha, Neb., will be promoted to northwestern passenger agent and C. C. Elrick, city passenger agent at Pittsburgh, will be advanced to the position of assistant.

Mr. Haase is widely known as a railroad circles throughout the country and his record during the seventeen years that he has been on the St. Paul and Minneapolis, in which time he has become acquainted with railroad officials and business men of the Northwest, qualifies him for promotion to the important office of which he will take charge in Philadelphia. As district passenger agent he will have charge of the Philadelphia and Atlantic City territory and as far south of the Susquehanna river, representing the company in passenger traffic matters and reporting to the general passenger agent at Baltimore.

Robert Carlton Haase has been in the service of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad continuously for thirty-eight years, and prior to his appointment as northwestern passenger agent was located at Wheeling, W. Va., Bellaire and Newark, O. His father was formerly an official of the Shenandoah Valley line of the Baltimore and Ohio. Born at Danville, Va., March 22, 1867, Mr. Haase was educated at Lindsay Institute, Wheeling, and entered railroad service as a messenger in the ticket office in that city. From 1880 to 1888, he was assistant ticket agent at Wheeling and was promoted to ticket agent at Bellaire, O., where he remained until 1896, when he was promoted to traveling passenger agent at Newark. His next promotion came when he was transferred to St. Paul and Minneapolis in 1898.

Mr. Strohm has been located at Omaha nearly three years. Prior to that appointment he was connected for several years with the general passenger department at Chicago. To facilitate the mailing of business communications from the general offices of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, a central mailing bureau will be established on January 1, 1916, to post all outgoing mail requiring postage as well as railroad business mail between various points on the road and between the departments.

Mail matter of the first class pertaining to company business for forwarding by United States mail will be enveloped, sealed and addressed as at present and forwarded to mail room. Offices at Camden Station will deposit mail in the mail room at that

TAKEN FOR TRIAL

Late Helvetia Postmaster is Transferred from Local Jail to Parkersburg Prison.

Jacob Zumbach, late postmaster at Helvetia, Upshur county, who was jailed some time ago at the instance of a postoffice inspector, who charged him with converting money orders to his own use and thereby obtaining nearly \$3,000, was taken to Parkersburg Thursday from the county jail here. He is to be tried in federal district court at Parkersburg within the next few days.

Zumbach was taken from the jail to a railroad train at the local station by Deputy Sheriff George W. Conley and turned over to a United States deputy marshal, who was aboard the train taking other federal prisoners to Parkersburg.

WARRANT IS "SMASHED"

Morris Hampton, colored, who was recently jailed under a peace warrant sworn out by Mrs. Ada Hampton, was released from the county jail Thursday by Magistrate R. Edward Kild, when Mrs. Hampton asked that the warrant be "smashed." The magistrate "smashed" it for her own consideration of the case.

John B. Hart and sons, Edward and John, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hart.

Station and those at Mount Royal station will deposit mail in the baggage room for forwarding through the mail room at Camden station. Mail matter such as circular and other matter wholly in print that may be forwarded at third class postage rates will be left unsealed. Each office will forward mail to the mail room as frequently during the day as practicable, except when the holding of mail until the close of the day will permit the concentrating two or more letters to the same addressee in one envelope. The mail room force will separate mail as between railroad business and that requiring postage and will affix stamps. Matter for special delivery by United States mail will be marked special delivery on the face of envelopes and deposited in the mail room.

When necessary to forward matter under United States registered stamp or ordinary matter requiring immediate dispatch, a written order will be issued by the forwarding office on the chief mail clerk who will supply the required postage.

Commencing January 1, 1916, an additional delivery of mail by commercial express will be made by the district of Baltimore will be inaugurated. Mail matter for delivery in that district deposited in the mail room after 8:30 a. m. will be delivered in the afternoon of the same day and that deposited after 1 p. m. will be delivered the next morning.

MERGER OF BIG STEEL PLANTS NOW ASSURED

Cambria, Youngstown and Other Concerns to Consolidate February 1.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The proposed merger of Cambria Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company and two or three other steel companies is now virtually assured. J. A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown company, stated today. The stockholders of the Lackawanna Steel Company have not yet agreed to the plan of the proposed merger, but Mr. Campbell said he considered that phase of the matter as good as settled.

Although the plans are still in a preliminary stage the interests chiefly concerned are confident that the merger will be concluded not later than February 1. The name of the new steel company has not been selected, nor has the amount of the capital stock been decided upon. Present plans, however, indicate the capitalization will be at least \$150,000,000, possibly \$300,000,000.

DEAD AT GRAFTON

Is Miss Fay Breedlove, a Sister of Charles Breedlove, of This City.

The funeral of Miss Fay Breedlove, of Grafton, will be held in the First Presbyterian church there at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon and the interment will be at the Blount cemetery. Announcing her death the Grafton Sentinel says:

Miss Fay Breedlove, daughter of Mrs. Annie Breedlove, of Luzadder street, died last night at 9:20 at her home after an illness lasting a number of years. She was 28 years of age. The young woman was well and favorably known and had many friends who sympathized with her and her family during her long illness.

She is survived by her mother and one brother, James, of this city, and two other brothers, Charles, in Clarksburg, and Ed in Homestead, Pa. Three sisters have died during the last few years after long and protracted illnesses.

VESSEL ASHORE

In Attempt to Escape Submarine Which Shot Torpedo at It.

TORTOSA, Spain, via Paris, Dec. 23.—The small French steamship Loukouk with a cargo of sugar ran ashore at the mouth of Ebro river today while attempting to escape from a submarine. The captain of the Loukouk asserts the vessel, on being ordered to stop the captain instead of obeying orders went ahead at full speed and succeeded in entering the mouth of the Ebro river.

According to this account the submarine fired several shots at the Loukouk without effect. The commander of the port has sent a rescue party to the vessel to save the ship and its cargo.

LETTER WRITER

Is to Be Released from Asylum but in Custody of Brother.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 23.—After being confined in state institutions for the insane since November, 1914, Mrs. Ida von Claussen, writer of threatening and eccentric letters to Theodore Roosevelt and others, is to be released from the state hospital for the insane at Middletown and placed in the custody of her brother, Matthews Claussen, of New York City.

Justice Tompkins Thursday signed an order for her release, specifying that in her brother's charge she must not be allowed on the streets alone or out of sight of a custodian. While she has shown improvement, the court says, she is not deemed entirely cured.

CONVENTION CALLED.

The executive committee of the Republican party at Northview has called a convention for Friday evening, starting at 7 o'clock in the town hall there for the purpose of putting a ticket into the field for the coming municipal election.

HEAVIER THAN EVER.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The postoffice department received reports Thursday from every section of the United States to the effect that the Christmas mail is heavier than ever before and is being moved without delay.

JAPANESE LINER SENT TO BOTTOM WITHOUT NOTICE

CAPTIVE BALLOON ON ITALIAN WARSHIP SPIES ON OPERATIONS OF THE ENEMY



Captive balloons have been used in warfare for over a century, but the Italians have found a novel method of employing them for making observations of the movements of the enemy. This photograph, taken in the region of the Dardanelles, shows a captive balloon being sent up from an Italian warship.

"BOOZE" BARRING FROM THE STATE ORDER IS READY

To Be Made Effective According to Advances in City of Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 23.—It was learned yesterday semi-officially, though authoritatively that beginning this morning railroads in West Virginia, against which were recently issued injunctions restraining them from carrying liquor into the state for "personal use" when labeled, would conform to the recent ruling of Judge Littlepage, of Charleston.

The information, gained from a usually well-informed source, was that a conference between heads of the various railroads entering the state had been held with officials of the state prohibition department, and that the agreement had resulted. However, no confirmation of this well defined rumor could be secured from local officials. The date for the taking effect of the new agreement had been originally set for Monday of this week.

The ruling of Judge Littlepage at Charleston enjoins the railroad companies from accepting as passengers persons with labeled liquor unless they are convinced that the liquor is not to be for unlawful purposes. It was at first understood that the railroads expected to completely ignore the ruling, but according to what was learned yesterday, this supposition is completely upset by what took place at the conference.

Whether the conference included an agreement between the state officials and the various traction companies doing an interstate business is not known. Whether or not the Kanawha Traction and Electric Company will take similar action with the railroad is but a matter of conjecture. General Manager P. P. Cratts said that sometime the matter would be put solely in the hands of the company's attorneys.

The result of the conference yesterday, it is understood, will be the issuing of a general order by the various other lines operating in the state to the trainmen to prohibit the carrying of liquor on trains as personal baggage. This order, it is expected, will go into effect Thursday.

Confirming information gained yesterday by the Associated Press is explained in the following dispatch: "Railroads against which injunctions were granted restraining them from carrying whiskey into the state as personal baggage of passengers will conform to the ruling of the courts. President George Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, was in Parkersburg Wednesday and

An American Citizen among the Passengers is Reported as Saved.

TOKIO BECOMES EXCITED

Passengers and Crew Landed at Port Said and Are Well Treated There.

TOKIO, Dec. 23.—News of the sinking of the Yashika Maru reached Tokyo today and caused great excitement. The advice received here says the steamer was sunk by a submarine near Port Said.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner Yashika Maru, which was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean Tuesday by a submarine, while the steamer was on its way from London to Japan with 113 passengers and a crew of 160 aboard, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report received from Port Said, from the agents of the owners. All of those on board the ship, including the American passenger, W. J. Leigh, were saved. The nationality of the submarine is not mentioned by the agent, and previous reports refer to the sinking of the ship as done by either an Austrian or a German submarine.

The Yashika Maru was sunk Tuesday afternoon. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said Wednesday morning. The company provided hotel accommodations for them and is arranging to forward them to their destination. On the passenger list were fifty-one men, fifty-four women and fifteen children, most of whom were British subjects. The agents in their report say further:

"The passengers expressed great admiration for the skill of the captain and officers and for the discipline of the crew. Perfect order was maintained during the embarkation, which was carried out with the greatest promptitude."

W. J. Leigh is an American citizen, born in China. His father was a Californian. Mr. Leigh has spent most of his life in China, but recently has lived in England. He was returning to China to take a position with a business house. His family is in London. Mrs. Leigh has received a cable message saying her husband is safe.

CONVENTION

Is Called by the Citizens' Progressive Party of Stealey Heights.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Citizens' Progressive party of Stealey Heights Wednesday night in the council chamber there, an official call was issued for a nominating convention to be held Wednesday evening, December 27, starting at 7:30 o'clock. Candidates for mayor, recorder and five councilmen are to be named for the municipal election to be held there January 5.

The call states that "all voters in favor of a live-up-to-date and progressive town are cordially invited to be present." George W. Bland presided as chairman of the executive committee meeting and Francis M. Davis acted as secretary.

LEGS BROKEN

When Northview Woman Falls through a Hole in a Board Walk.

Mrs. James H. Buffington, of Northview, is suffering from broken and fractured legs and other injuries at her home there as the result of falling through a hole in a board walk in that suburb late Wednesday afternoon. Her right leg was broken below the knee, her left leg was fractured and she received numerous bruises and lacerations.

The accident occurred about twenty feet from the street car line near her home. She had just alighted from a car and was on her way home when she stepped into the hole.

BRITISH LOSS

Of Officers and Men at the Dardanelles Up to December 11 is 112,921.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to December 11 was 112,921.

This is the grand total of officers and men, including the naval lists of killed, wounded and missing. The number killed was 55,375. In addition to the total of casualties the number killed was 33,379. In addition to the total of casualties the number killed was 33,379. In addition to the total of casualties the number killed was 33,379.

The losses were distributed as follows: Killed—Officers, 1,408; men, 55,375. Wounded—Officers, 1,880; men, 71,321. Missing—Officers, 187; men, 111.